

# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Vernon Residents Invited to Informational Meeting on Pedestrian Safety Enhancements in Rockville

**VERNON, Connecticut** – The Town of Vernon is hosting a public information meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall to inform residents and seek input about a \$400,000 grant to improve pedestrian mobility and safety in downtown Rockville. All are welcome.

Phase 1 work, which is anticipated to begin this summer, would include the removal, replacement, expansion and construction of sidewalks, sidewalk ramps and crosswalks on Vernon Avenue, West Main Street and Brooklyn Street. The work would also include painting stripes for pedestrian walkways and the installation of yield signs in certain areas. The improvements were identified through a road safety audit conducted in the Rockville area. Funding will come from a \$400,000 Community Connectivity Grant from the State Department of Transportation.

Phase 2 of the project, for which the town is seeking funding through the Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program, is intended to enhance pedestrian access by extending the Vernon Rails-to-Trails further east to the area of Pitney Park, and possibly beyond. If approved by the state, work is anticipated to begin in spring 2025.

### About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of more than 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of

continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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